Circulation of 25 and 50 paise coins

†1661. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have kept the coins 25 paise and 50 paise denomination out of circulation;

(b) the reasons for not accepting 25 paise and 50 paise coins by the traders in the market; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No Sir, Both these denominations coins continue to be in circulation.

(b) Both consumers and traders are reluctant to accept the small coins on account of cost of carrying coins and small coins do not have value in settling payment transactions.

(c) The Reserve Bank of India has been continuously taking necessary steps to educate the members of public and create awareness about the legal tender characteristics of all the denominations of coins including these two coins. The Reserve Bank of India has issued instructions to all the Public and Private sectors Banks to advise their branches to accept/ issue coins of all denominations without restrictions for exchange or for deposit in accounts.

Closure of Co-operative banks in Chhattisgarh

†1662. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has ordered the Registrar of Co-operative societies to take necessary action to close some Co-operative Banks in Chhattisgarh on the charge of not following the banking provisions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India has rejected the licence application of Zila Sahakari Kendriya Bank, Maryadit, Raigarh on

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.